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Hon. Michael A. Telesca  
United States District Judge  
100 State Street  
Rochester, NY 14614

**Re: United States v. Esteban Ayala-Zuniga**

Dear Judge Telesca:


Magistrate Judge Payson issued her report and recommendation, which copy the government received through e-filing, on or about February 1, 2006. By the government's calculations, the ten days it has to file its objections will expire on or about February 11, 2006. Since that date falls on a Sunday, the government would have until February 13, 2006 to file its objections, should it choose to file any objections.

I would respectfully request a brief extension of time, until February 21, 2006, to file any objections to the report and recommendation the government may have. I will be out of the district beginning February 7, 2006 and I will not be returning until February 13, 2006. Thus, to the extent that the government decides to file any objections, I do not anticipate that I will be able to finish the government's submission by February 13th.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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**SO ORDERED**

S/MICHAEL A. TELESCA

**MICHAEL A. TELESCA**  
United States District Judge

DATED: 2/8/2006